GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1230
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
AIR STATION AT SILIGURI
Barman Shri Hiten;Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the All India Radio Station at Siliguri is not self-sufficient for relaying the programmes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the said station;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to increase the timings of North Bengal Local Sanskriti Programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. All India Radio station at Siliguri is a full-fledged station with 200 kW Medium Wave transmitter (primary channel), studios, satellite receive facilities and 10 kW F.M. transmitter for Vividh Bharati programmes.

(c) to (f) : Presently, there is no proposal either to upgrade the said Station or increase the timings of North Bengal local Sanskriti programmes.